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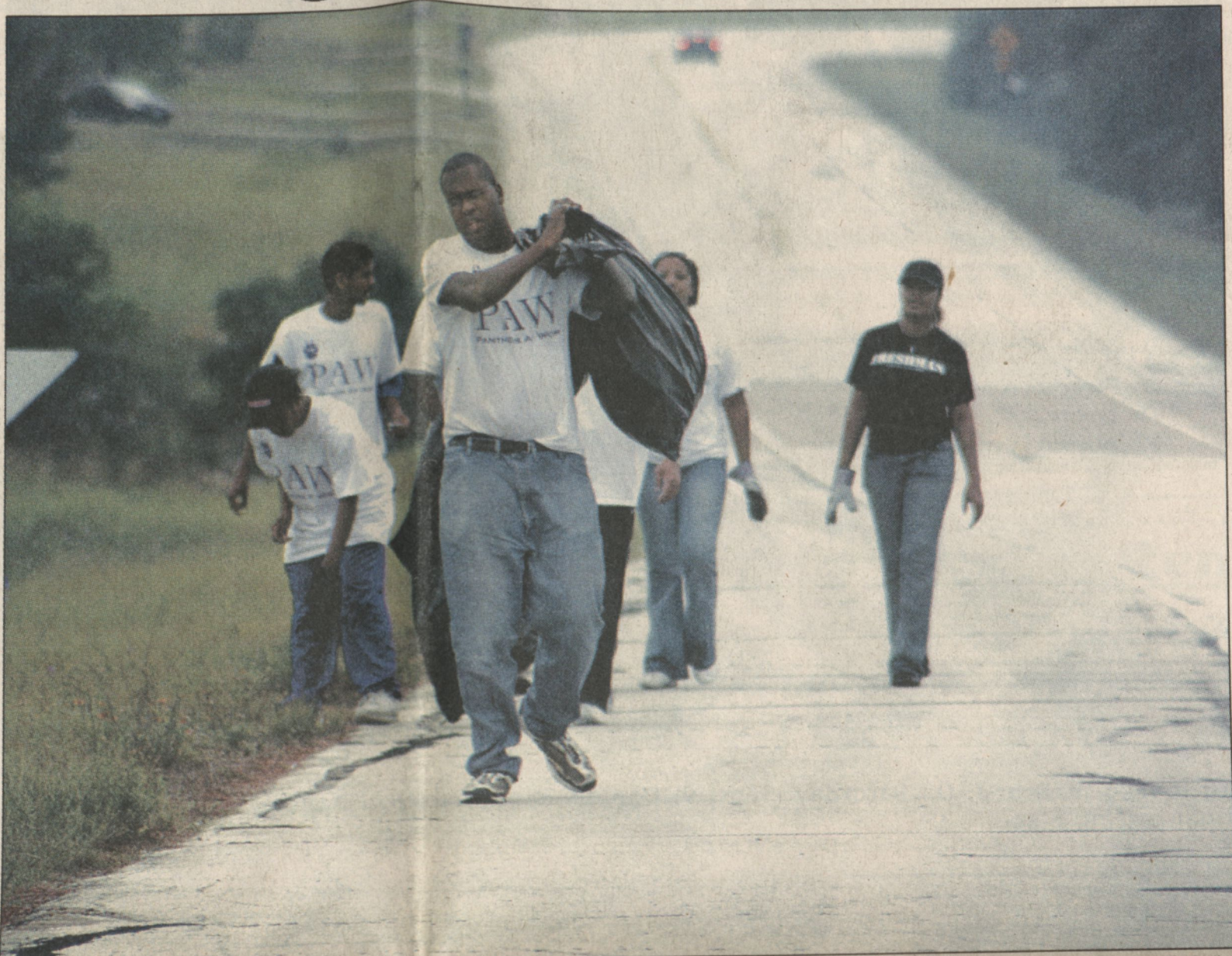
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Panthers help community through service learning



By Evan White, The Panther

Making the community a cleaner place: Prairie View A&M University students joined forces with faculty and staff to clean and beautify the campus and surrounding communities in Waller County.

By Anterria Brown
News Editor

In an effort to clean, restore, and beautify the university as well as the surrounding community, Prairie View students, faculty, and staff gathered as part of a community service volunteer project titled "Panthers at Work."

The event took place Saturday, Sept. 9. Despite dreary and rainy weather conditions, nearly 1,000 students showed up to participate.

Students gathered in the new gym at 7 a.m., where they were served breakfast, split into groups, and assigned project sites.

The project sites included over 30 locations throughout the cities of Prairie View,

Waller, and Hempstead.

"P.A.W. is a valuable partnership between the community and the university; it is a good opportunity for students to have positive interactions with the residents of Prairie View, Hempstead, and Waller," said Tyra Metoyer, director of university relations.

Panthers at Work is a service-learning program sponsored by the Office of Institutional Relations and Public Service to bridge the gap between students and the community. This was the second year for the event and student registration nearly doubled.

"This service learning project is an excellent opportunity for the students, faculty, and staff of Prairie View A&M University to apply the knowledge and skills we have acquired to outside entities," said junior Melvin Wilson Miller.

At the project sites, students cleaned, organized, dusted, cleared debris, and performed a variety of maintenance and custodial jobs. Students also worked to beautify the community by preserving plants, trees, and habitats.

"This event was very valuable to Prairie View students as well as the community. We go to school here, so this is our community also and it is very important that we take pride in it," said freshman Brooklyn Ariel.

Participating students received certificates documenting their contributions and acknowledging their community service hours.

"This community service event was worthwhile, and the participation from the faculty, staff, and general student body was phenomenal," said student government association president LaQuincy Arnold.

PV plays host to Tour de Pink

By LaCheryl Whitlow & Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University hosted the Dasani Tour De Pink on Sunday, Sept. 10. Cyclists began to gather at the Memorial Student Center for a complimentary breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

This was the second annual Dasani Tour de Pink bicycle tour.

In 2005 the Dasani Tour de Pink attracted approximately 500 participants, volunteers, and dozens of supporters.

"About 1500 riders and 300 volunteers showed up, making it a higher turnout than last year. The goal is to raise \$200,000 for breast cancer issues and toward helping women who can't afford breast cancer screening," said co-coordinator Aaron Jack.

The Dasani Tour De Pink contributes to the growth of the Pink Ribbons Project. The Pink Ribbons Project is the first dance organization ever to collect funding for breast cancer advocacy, education, and research.

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By Ladarion Lynch, The Panther

Riding for the cause: Cyclists came to PVAMU for the second annual Tour de Pink to raise money for breast cancer advocacy, education and research.

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Lt. Col Jiles Daniels, alumnus, former vice president and former mayor



By David Butler, The Panther

In loving memory: On Saturday, Sept. 9, Daniels is carried by his fraternity brothers to his final resting place.

By Alanna Jones
Editor in Chief

Jiles Paneze Daniels former vice president of student affairs at Prairie View A&M University, was laid to rest Sept. 9.

Daniels, 74, was born in Longview, Texas, the oldest of six children. To many close friends and family he was known as "Paneze." Daniels attended high school at Fredonia High School where he was active in basketball, football, and sang in the choir. He graduated as valedictorian in 1950.

Daniels graduated from Prairie View A&M College, where he met his wife Evelyn Barnes. They were married 52 years.

Daniels received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture in 1954, and a master's degree in counseling and guidance in 1972. Daniels spent 21 years in

the military, beginning as a 2nd Lieutenant and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He also served as professor Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (AROTC). He dedicated himself to this opportunity as professor because of the impact it had on transforming students of color into officers who served their country. He retired from the Army in 1975.

One year after entering the field of education as a Junior ROTC instructor at Jesse Jones High School in Houston, Texas, he moved to Texas Southern University as director of procurement and material services. In 1981 Daniels returned to his alma mater as assistant dean/ research director and interim director in the College of Agriculture. In 1989 he was appointed the vice president for student affairs at the university. He retired from the university in 1994.

During his retirement he volun-

teered in the community, including leadership of the city of Prairie View as the elected mayor. In 2002, he came out of retirement to become manager of the Prairie View Federal Credit Union. In June 2006, he retired for the last time as his illness prevented him from working.

Daniels received countless awards and recognitions. He was honored by the PVAMU College of Agriculture as a distinguished alumnus and earned other countless distinguished service and merit awards.

Daniels held membership in professional, social and civic organizations such as the Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., PVAMU Athletic Club, and the PV Chamber of Commerce.

Daniels is survived by his wife Evelyn, their three children, Don, Jiles Jr., and Karen, his brothers Orell Jr. and Earl, his sister Bobbie, and a host of other relatives.

Prairie View A&M University ranked 27th by Black Enterprise

By Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

Prairie View A & M University was recently named the 27th best college or university for African Americans by Black Enterprise magazine.

The list of institutions ranked by the magazine included 50 colleges and universities across the nation with Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Fla. as number 1. Next to Florida A & M University, was Howard University in Washington, D.C. as number 2. Rounding out the top 5 were North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C., Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., and Spellman College in Atlanta, Ga.

To develop the 2006 list, Black Enterprise surveyed more than 500 African American higher education professionals including presidents, chancellors, and directors of student affairs for their assessments of the social and academic environments for African American students at the nation's colleges and universities.

The rankings are determined by

survey scores in categories such as the best social and academic environments, rates of graduation, and overall presence of students on the campus.

"The most significant thing is that we're the only Texas school on the list," said Tyra Metoyer, director of university relations. "We will use this honor as a recruitment tool showing how an objective party recognizes our quality level of education."

Metoyer felt graduation rates were the most important factor in the survey and recognized the honor as a chance for positive publicity. "This will bring us awareness [from the average citizen]; it will help people see the quality of education here and see that we are a first class institution. Plus, people will see PV is not a last resort, but rather a good choice to go to school."

Students were also pleased with the university's ranking. "To be number 27, I think it gives Prairie View more prestige than it has been credited with in the past," said sophomore communications major Zakiya Farr.

The listing is available in the September edition of Black Enterprise, on newsstands now.

and the next day will focus on non-technical jobs. The event will last from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

According to the Career Services and Outreach Department, the theme for this year's fair will be "Does your image match your ambition?" The fair will highlight the importance of having a professional appearance when seeking employment.

Kappa Alpha Psi remembers Sept. 11

By Jerica Glasper
Panther Staff

The Zeta Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. held a seminar on Sept. 11 to pay tribute to those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks.

The seminar opened with a welcoming of guests by the master of ceremonies, Matthew Nelson, and was followed by a prayer and a moment of silence.

The film, "United 93," which shows accounts of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was screened to give an idea of the horrors faced by passengers.

An open discussion was held to get opinions and to shed light on the day that changed American history.

Testimonials were given on the impact of Sept. 11. Doctoral candidate Julian Scott, a panelist, discussed how homeland and airport security, racial profiling, and a general disapproval of the Bush administration have intensified since the attacks.

The seminar ended with a prayer, and a tribute to the men and women whose lives were sacrificed on that fateful day, Sept. 11, 2001.

The career fair gives Prairie View students the opportunity to interact with corporate recruiters in an effort to obtain employment and internship opportunities. In an effort to adequately prepare students for the job fair, the Career Center will sponsor professional development seminars to assist students in interviewing techniques, resume writing, dressing for success, salary negotiations, and corporate etiquette.

University gets new telephone system

By Ashley Slayton
Panther Staff

The university has launched a new telephone system.

Voice Over Internet Protocol, commonly referred to as VoIP, is a system that allows one to make phone calls using broadband Internet connection. VoIP takes the voice signal from the telephone and converts it into a digital signal that travels through the Internet.

VoIP replaced the former outdated phone and mailing system. With the upgrade to voice over IP, telephone numbers around campus will gradually change as well.

The rapid growth of the campus and the added number of extensions left the city of Prairie View with fewer numbers. Telephone numbers that were prefaced with 857 are changing to 261; old extension numbers will be replaced with new numbers.

Students can access the campus directory, which is updated weekly, through the university's Web site.

Some features VoIP offers, depending on the provider, include call waiting, call transfer, giving the caller a busy signal, sending the call directly to voicemail, playing a "not in service" message and sending the caller to a funny rejection hotline. VoIP virtually makes an ordinary Internet connection a way to make free calls.

However, a few drawbacks to VoIP are: some services do not work during power outages, may not connect directly to emergency services through 9-1-1, and every conversation is recorded.

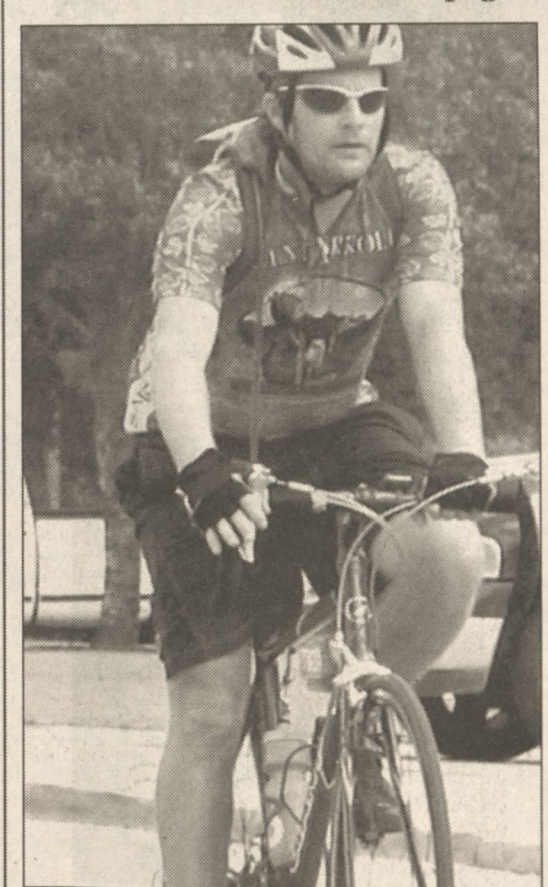
Mary Hodge, vice president for business affairs, said, "I like the new system. I particularly like the feature where I can check my voicemail over e-mail."

According to the Forrester Research Group, nearly five million U.S. households will have VoIP phone service by the end of 2006.

Vonage and AT&T are among the companies that provide VoIP services. Certain areas of the campus, including the farm areas and the northwest area, will remain on the old system due to old wiring but most of the main campus will switch to VoIP.

Estimated completion date for the switchover is November of this year.

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By Ladanion Lynch, The Panther

Showing up is the first step: 1500 cyclists and 300 volunteers showed up at the event to raise 200K.

"As a volunteer of the Dasani Tour De Pink, I wholeheartedly support issues that help spread awareness regarding breast cancer survivors because the organizations consistently fight to expand the issue," said volunteer and Prairie View alumna Dionne Rodgers.

Since 1995, the Pink Ribbons Project has generated more than \$1 million for medically underprivileged women.

Funds are used to provide mammograms and to educate women about issues regarding breast cancer and other services.

Ride director Margaret Shelton said, "This is the bike ride for breast cancer awareness. The ride raises funds to help those who currently have breast cancer needs, so this is a way that we can help to buy the various types of equipment they need."

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Career fair scheduled for Sept. 20-21

By Anterria Brown
News Editor

The 36th annual fall career fair will be held Sept. 20-21 in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Due to an increase in employment opportunities, this year's event will be split into two parts. The first day will focus on technical jobs,

2 skydivers fall to their deaths in southern New Jersey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. - Two tandem skydivers fell to their deaths Sunday when their main and reserve parachutes opened only partially, authorities said.

Paul Joseph, 30, of Monroe Township, and Reed Michael Loeschke, 28, of Hoboken, were found just before noon in the yard of a vacant home in southern New Jersey and were pronounced dead at the scene.

Joseph was an instructor at Freefall Adventures, a skydiving school. He and Loeschke were making a tandem jump, a practice in which an instructor and inexperienced diver are tied together, authorities said.

The jump, which took place around noon, was from a plane owned by Freefall Adventures, police said. Staffers from Freefall Adventures would not comment on the accident.

Autopsies were expected to be performed Monday, and the Fed-

eral Aviation Administration was also investigating.

Freefall Adventures, which boasts on its Web site that it has introduced more than 250,000 people to recreational skydiving, has had fatal accidents before, including two deaths in a July 2005 jump. The company has operated at Cross Keys Airport for more than 20 years.

In 2005, 27 people died in parachuting accidents in the U.S., according to the Fredericksburg, Va.-based United States Parachute Association.

Suspected gas explosion kills 1, wounds 4 in central Philippine city

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines - An explosion early Monday in a building under construction in the central city of Cebu killed one woman and injured four people, a radio station reported, saying a gas tank may have

triggered the blast.

The blast shook a two-story building that housed three shops, including an auto supply shop, a laundry and a furniture shop, Radio DZBB reported.

It said police teams were inspecting the site but that initial re-

ports suggested the blast may have been triggered by a gas tank.

The Philippines was on alert for the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in the U.S., and Cebu is the venue of a December summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, a regional grouping.

Man charged in death of father pleads guilty

Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - A man from this city accused in the beating death of his father five years ago pleaded guilty on Monday.

Jeremy DeCoteau, 26, was charged in Jerome DeCoteau's 2001 killing after a fight in October 2003 but was imprisoned in South Dakota for possession of burglary tools since June 2003.

He was released from prison earlier this year and extradited to Grand Forks to face a murder charge.

He is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 5.

Tropical storm Gordon forms in the open Atlantic

Associated Press

MIAMI - Tropical Storm Gordon formed Monday in the open Atlantic northeast of the Leeward Islands and was expected to head in the general direction of Bermuda, where Hurricane Florence brought strong winds and high waves, forecasters said.

Gordon had top sustained winds near 45 mph, above the 39 mph needed to be a named storm. It could strengthen into a hurricane, with sustained winds of 74 mph or stronger, as early as Wednesday, according to the National Hurricane Center.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the seventh named storm of the 2006 Atlantic hurricane season was centered about 425 miles northeast of the Leeward Islands and moving northwest near 9

mph, forecasters said.

Gordon developed from a tropical depression that formed late Sunday. It was much smaller in size than Florence, but was still moving in the general direction of Bermuda, forecasters said.

Florence, the season's second hurricane, blew out windows, peeled away several roofs and knocked out power to thousands in Bermuda on Monday before churning past the wealthy British island chain and heading out over open ocean.

"It's just too early to say about the threat to Bermuda," said hurricane specialist Eric Blake. "Even if (Gordon) were to move in the direction of Bermuda, it would still be a few days away."

The Atlantic hurricane season began June 1 and ends Nov. 30.

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Viewpoint

Is God trying to speak to the Prairie View community?

By Asheli Atkins
Panther Staff

You come to college to prepare yourself for your future, but the future is not guaranteed. So you must live for today. No matter how many times you have heard these words or how lame they might sound to you, it is still the truth. With all the tragedy in the world today you would think that people would appreciate life more. Within the first few months of school we have lost two students, both of whom were attending school when God called them to rest. They were given the opportunity to come to college and they took full advantage of it. Unfortunately they did not finish, but not by choice.

This is not the case when it

comes to 407 students who did not return to school spring semester of 2005. (Prairie View A&M University headcount enrollment 20th day comparison) They made the choice to not come back. With thousands of scholarships, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and loans, everyone has the opportunity to come to college. The students who make the decision to come to college are divided into two groups, the grateful and the ungrateful. The grateful come to college to further their education and get prepared for the real world. They take full advantage of college because they realize that many never made it this far. They also understand that it is not enough just to come to college, you must also put forth your best effort despite difficulties and distractions. The ungrateful see college as fun

and freedom. It is OK to have fun, there's nothing wrong with that. But when you start slipping in your classes that's when it becomes a problem. Your mind is so caught up in the "now." All the while you are forgetting about your future. A future that is not promised, but if you are one of the fortunate few that get to see their future, will you like what you see? So is God trying to send us a message? YES. When he gives you an opportunity to get farther in your life, remember God helps those who help themselves. He might give you an opportunity and help you through your tribulations but he is not going to do it for you.

Ephesians 5:15-16 says,

Be very careful how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil.

Spotlight

Panther Roll Call: Built By Design To Serve

There are many departments on campus that aim to provide the best college experience for students. Sometimes students don't know who is in charge of that department or what a particular department does. This weekly column is designed for a representative of any department on campus to highlight the departmental achievements and ongoing progress that benefit students.

By Alanna Jones
Editor in Chief

Over the past few years students have witnessed ongoing changes in construction around campus. Many of those changes include the MSC, parking, parking meters, classroom upgrades and the latest unveiling of the basketball courts this past summer.

Students often question how the money designated for campus upgrades was spent.

Dianne Walker, construction and planning manager, explained that all funds that students are charged for campus upgrades in student life are saved until there is enough money to

start a new project on campus.

Walker said that one of the major projects students voted on to have charged to their student fees was the building of the basketball courts. Once there was enough money, Walker and her team of architects began building during the 2005-2006 school year, and opened the courts in summer 2006.

On the campus of PVAMU, Walker is in charge of new construction, remodels, infrastructure and construction. She hires engineers based on what the faculty, staff and students request.

Walker said, "It was a pleasure working on the basketball courts and I thank the student body for agreeing to have that money taken out their fees."

The outside basketball courts, which are located at the student park, consist of three courts with six goals, an extensive paint job and a 24-hour lighting system so basketball games can carry on throughout the night. Along with the courts, upgrades were made to the pavilion. New electrical wiring and plug-ins are in place for DJ access and vending machines.

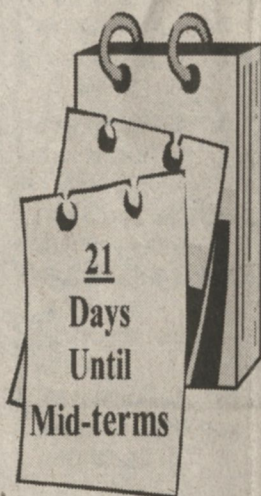
"Our job here is to carry out Dr. Wright's vision to upgrade student life and the addition of the new basketball courts have done that," Walker said.

Walker noted that many other projects are in the works, including two parking lots located at Hobart Taylor and across from ROTC building.



The Answers

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PURPLE & GOLD POLL

By David Butler
Online Editor

If you were president of the university, what would you add or subtract from the campus?



"I would improve the shuttle bus system. Two shuttle buses aren't enough."

Tiara Henry
Freshman, Accounting



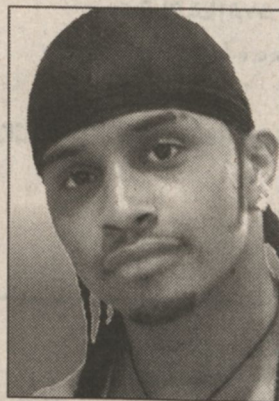
"I would invest in better financial aid services. Like more workers at the front desk. Only two? Are you serious?"

Joe Huntsberry
Sophomore, Health & Human Performance



"A better football stadium like the ones on T.V."

Portia Jones
Freshman, Nursing



"I would add a bigger and better cafeteria with better food."

Steve Montoya
Junior, Psychology



By LaQuincy R. Arnold
SGA President

Welcome back to the Hill! The Student Government Association is excited about this new academic school year. With the fall elections now behind us, the senators, and class representatives are elected and ready to work.

The SGA is the student's link to the administration. As a group, we represent students in bringing issues and recommending positive policy change to the president, vice presidents and faculty of Prairie View A&M University. The SGA is also responsible for managing

ing a budget of over \$100,000 each year. The budget, which is derived from the student activity fees, is distributed to more than 40 clubs and organizations, as well as many special programs that the SGA sponsors. Each year the officers and representatives who make up the SGA put in countless hours in an effort to strengthen the infrastructure of the campus. Through their work, they provide greater resources and support to fellow students, while at the same time learning valuable leadership skills. The SGA seek your participation and involvement!

Thanks for helping us continue to maximize our potential, be well managed, and be effective and efficient as we deliver on our promise to assist our university.



Panthers shut out Tigers in one-sided victory

By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

With the annihilation of the Edward Waters Tigers (0-3) Saturday, the Prairie View A&M University Panthers (1-1, 0-1) ended a shutout drought that spans back 19 years. This win gave the home fans a glimpse of what the Panthers are capable of when they are in full rhythm on both sides of the ball.

The game was scoreless until running back, Kerry Wilson, broke through the Tigers defensive line with a 59-yard scurry to score the first touchdown. Prairie View held the lead 7-0 with less than five minutes in the first quarter.

The Panthers gained an offensive total of 475 yards, with 321 of those being on the ground.

"Our players were determined to be successful running the ball today," said Panther head coach Henry Frazier III. "It all starts upfront with the offensive line. They played extremely well for us tonight as well as our group of running backs."

The Panthers



went into the half with a well deserved 19-0 lead after freshman Calvin Harris scored off a 10-yard dart and sophomore Arnell Fontenot added another rushing touchdown for the half.

Prairie View's special teams came out in the second half and added another score when senior Cameron Thibodeaux recovered a blocked punt in the end zone to up the score 25-0.

Fontenot led all rushers with 133 yards on the ground, with Wilson not too far behind with 80. Both had a touchdown each. Freshman running back Anthony Weeden accounted for two of the Panther's six touchdowns. "We put up a good showing in our home opener and it's always nice to be able to follow up a loss with a victory," said Frazier. "Mark Spivey did a great job of filling in for Chris Gibson at quarterback, I was really happy with his play. He hadn't started a game in three years and when he settled down he made some really great passes."

This was Prairie View's first shutout since a 20-0 win over Mississippi Valley State in 1987. The Panther defense held the Tigers to a mere 66 yards passing and a whopping -35 rushing.

"I felt like our defense gave us an exceptional performance," said Frazier. "To be able to hold them to minus yardage rushing and scoreless for the game is a testament of their overall effort tonight. I don't know what our defensive coaches told the players before this game but whatever it was they came out fired up and ready to play football."

Cheerleading squad prepares for national championship



By Evan White, The Panther

The Panther cheerleading team is one of three black colleges that received a bid to the national cheerleading championships.

By Asheli Atkins
Panther Staff

Over the summer the Prairie View A&M Cheerleading squad won a bid to nationals with their win at the 2006 SMU-NCA spirit camp at Southern Methodist University.

The NCA spirit camp competition was held at SMU in Dallas, Texas. This camp lasted from July 29 until Aug. 1.

Over 38 schools attended including schools from Hawaii, New Mexico, Central Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

This competition was not a regular cheerleading competition. The scoring was based on the teams' growth from the beginning to the end of the camp.

"It was more of a learning situation, they go by the skills that you pick up," said Coach Jim Price.

The cheerleading squad began preparing for this camp on July 17. They met every other Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Even at the camp they continued to learn new stunts, to add into their routines.

There were 7 teams that won out of 38. Oklahoma State University and Stephen F. Austin were among the winning teams.

"I did (expect to win) but just because I expected it doesn't mean we would win," continued Price. "They don't tend to give bids to black schools."

Besides Prairie View the only other black schools that have received a bid to the national competition are Southern and Grambling.

"It felt good, we came a long way," said cheerleader Tan Crawford. To prepare for the next competitions the cheerleaders practice Monday thru Friday in the new gym.

"I am going to do my drills that allow me to stay tight in the air and improve my tumbling," said Crawford, when asked how she plans to stay prepared.

The university cheerleaders will be attending the black nationals which will be held the second week of February in Atlanta, Ga.

Counseling Center Activities

Career Exploration Workshop

Description: What would it be like to have a job that you actually enjoyed going to everyday? What would it be like to enjoy your classes and to want to spend more time studying? Careful selection of a career path can make his possible. In this workk shop participants will be given resources to help identify areas of compatible interest and aptitude.

Duration: Two 90 minute sessions

Date/Time: Wednesday 20Sep06, 4pm; follow-up session on following Wednesday

Location: Lower Level Conference Room, Owens-Franklin Health Center

Contact: Dr Pendleton, 936-857-1215; vrpndleton@pvamu.edu

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Your choice of career will affect your mental health

By Dr. Victor Pandalton
Mental Health Contributor

Choosing the wrong career can be bad for your mental health. During your adult life, you will spend more hours per week at work than you will spend awake than at home. Work will be the dominant activity in your life. The nature of your work, your working environment, co-workers, and job satisfaction will be very important factors determining your feelings of happiness and well being. If you enjoy your job, get along with your co-workers, and feel valued, you will be happy at work. If you don't enjoy your job, you are likely feel dissatisfied, unfulfilled, and generally unhappy. People who are unhappy at work often experience stress, headaches, body pain, insomnia, and depression.

Selecting your major, which the first step in career choice, affects your mental health. Students in the right major take an interest in their studies. Students in the wrong major find it difficult to maintain interest in school and fall behind in their assignments, which leads to poor graduation outcome and feelings of disappointment and failure.

So you may ask, what is the right career? Each of us has a particular mix of interests, abilities, and values. We are in the right career when our work is consistent with those factors.

Career counseling can help you choose the right career. It is a process that first helps you understand your interests, abilities, and values profile. It proceeds by presenting jobs that are consistent with your profile, and by guiding you through an exploration of those jobs. You look at job duties, personal qualities needed for success in the job, preparation requirements, job outlook, and average salaries.

PVAMU has invested in an online resource that provides career counseling for students, it is called DISCOVER. It is an online, interactive developmental career guide and information system designed to help students make important career and educational decisions. It is available to all PV students. Visit the Health & Counseling Center to get a user name, or call 936-857-2511.

If you are having difficulty deciding on a major, or if you are uninterested in the classes associated with your major, you will benefit from career counseling. Career counseling can help you validate your selection of career, or get you started on selecting a career that will make you happy. Your career choice is one of the most important decisions you will make. You will spend a lot of time and money preparing for your career. Career counseling can help you make a wise and informed decision. If you get a job you love, you will never work another day in your life.

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Who cares about Hurricane Katrina?



Courtesy of Jemma Hepburn

Take a step back: A year ago, this was one of the dramatic scenes in Louisiana and Mississippi, and in most of the survivors' hearts, the tragedy still takes a toll.

Jemma D. Hepburn
Panther Staff

When the floodwaters rushed in on Aug. 29, 2005, a city was swamped in sorrow and the world watched as the most catastrophic natural disaster of the 21st century ravaged one of the most incomparable cities in America...the city of New Orleans.

While 80 percent of the city was left submerged under water along with lost loved ones, survivors scamped to stay afloat. Nevertheless, a president in the eyes of skeptics appeared less than anxious to revive the "Big Easy."

Literally in a split second, Hurricane Katrina media coverage grew into the biggest media craze since 9/11. The storm's devastation of the Gulf Coast became the hot button topic of every talk show, news story, relief fund, public service announcement, and Internet hit.

Heartrending pictures of uprooted evacuees filled the media, celebrities spoke up and sang out about the issue, and it seemed like everyone either had an opinion, or empathized with the devastation of grieving victims.

Yet with the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and the current lack of sensational media coverage, many may wonder if the sympathies for the victims still reside with the American public. Bluntly put, does anybody still care about Hurricane Katrina?

Erica Gordon, a business management/music junior and New Orleans native, shared her sentiments: "I still care about it, but it's not going to be anywhere near close to what it used to be—at least not in the next 10 years. It's going to take a lot of manpower and effort to rebuild."

The city has lost its heart and spirit, she added, "and the crime

rate has gone up. People are anxious, and housing is expensive. You can go down certain streets and it looks like it just got hit yesterday."

When asked if he still cared about last year's hurricane, Izoe Robinson, a criminal justice sophomore, says, "Because of the friends I have encountered from New Orleans, I still care, and even if I didn't know them I would still care."

Criminal justice sophomore Nicosha Hall shared her feelings about her hometown saying, "Yes, I still care about it, because I'm still trying to adapt to living in Texas. If [Hurricane Katrina] had never passed, I would have never lost my grandfather whom I grew up with all my life."

Surprisingly there are a few people who don't care about Hurricane Katrina. "No, I don't care," says nursing junior Shannon Hill, "because most of those people aren't going back home, and have started

new lives in new places."

Fifteen hundred people died last year across the Gulf Coast, and even more are still trying to return to some degree of normality. With this being the first anniversary of the Katrina tragedy, it is safe to say that the storm is nowhere close to being over. Communities are still waiting for attention, funding is still desperately needed, and the struggle continues to rebuild the "Bayou State."

One thing is for sure, you do not have to be from New Orleans to care or even be able to relate to the loss of a loved one, friend, home, job, car, etc. As New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin put it, "Every person who has felt grief and despondency knows what we felt." With that said, do you care about Hurricane Katrina. ...And if you do or you don't, why or why not? It could have happened to you.

A glamorous life...is she doing too much?

By Schirin Dodd
Panther Staff



Hair... perfect, make-up... flawless, outfit... gorgeous and very well put together not to mention her shoes are always three inches. She struts across the campus getting the attention of everyone she passes (even other females... obviously in envy).

Some may classify her as a diva, while others simply whisper, "She's doing too much." As the thoughts of onlookers defend her dress or continue to object to her undeniable style... what does one think about girls on campus who seemingly portray images from a magazine model to video (bleeps) on their way to class everyday?

Nevertheless, it is true that a lot of young women dress up just to feel better about themselves or to merely showcase their personal style. A lot of young women dress a certain way because they want to be perceived a certain way, yet other girls do it to make up for something else that's missing. That "something" can be a lack of self-esteem or even a good solid sense of self-awareness. Bluntly put, some girls just want and desire attention. Yet, how does one tell the difference between a girl that just likes to dress nicely because she wants to look sophisticated or simply likes to be admired?

Asked what they thought regarding this issue students around campus seemed to be split on how

they felt. Why are some girls going out of their way to look flawless every day trying to compensate for, or are they compensating for anything else in all? Do some girls feel as though they can only get a guy's attention by showing a little skin or do some girls just like to flaunt it because they feel as though they can?

Several students on campus were asked in a random questionnaire for the reasons why they think some girls may go overboard and these reasons topped the list:

- 1) Trying to attract attention from the opposite sex.
- 2) Competing with members of the same sex.
- 3) Deep down inside they don't feel naturally attractive and are trying to cover up for insecurities, or low self-esteem
- 4) Trying to keep up with the Joneses.

While some of these listings are merely the opinions of others, this does not apply to everyone who looks "fly" but there are a few exceptions to the rule. People who look nice every day or dress up constantly may do it because it makes them feel better about themselves. Some people were raised in families that have always put a special emphasis on looking their best when going out in public; others change their entire wardrobe because it's the latest fashion. There is absolutely nothing wrong with dressing to the tee every day because it's actually good practice for the professional world.

So whatever you want to wear is your choice regardless of what others think.

It's too hot... we gotta break up!

By Sakinnia Reed
Panther Staff

Have you recently fought or argued with your significant other in the past few months? Chances are the answer is yes. Of course we all know that minor arguments in relationships are normal, and we may experience some stress from our boyfriends or girlfriends at some point in time, but what is the reason that ultimately causes our relationships to end? Could it possibly be differences like religion or morality? Are we simply too busy to give the relationship our full attention, or could it be something as simple as the heat of summer? Wow, didn't see that one coming did you?

Ahhh...the joys of summer. The season where people are decked out in sophisticated and oh-so revealing bathing suits by the pool, attending backyard barbecues at friends' houses, and going to see the top box office movies of the year. Well, once you look at it that way you can be happy doing that entire stuff single yet the question is asked, "How important are our relationships to us?" Can they stand the test of time, or do they fall under the slightest amount of pressure? Can you trust your partner to be around members of the opposite sex? Or better yet, can you even trust yourself to do the same? It seems as if relationships aren't what they used to be anymore. Back in the day you rarely saw people breaking up or marriages ending in divorce. Ironically, in modern times it's been proven that over 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, (that's one out of two) and the numbers are increasing at an alarming rate. As scary as it may be to ask, "Are relationships in college doomed from the very start?" At first everything appears

to be running smoothly then, bam! Problems start to arise. Internal forces that we all deal with from time to time may trigger issues in relationships, and in some ways we think that these everyday things are easier to overlook because everyone goes through them like bad communication. However overlooking small things can place a huge amount of stress on a person.

So in comes the summer season when you want to live inhibitions and experience life with all the wills taken off and what better time to do it than summer when there is so much to do and your calendar is virtually empty. While that might not be the best way to look at things, couples that begin their relationships all starry-eyed and dreamy often end them red-eyed and dismayed. People find themselves often times shot down in flames for reasons that they do not understand. So if you are experiencing problems in your relationship, agree on a time that both of you can sit down and talk about your issues. Try your best to think problems through to avoid misunderstandings because we often talk before we think. If you and your partner have a pre-determined game plan in place, you're already a step ahead when a disagreement arises. A lot of relationships fail because they are built too quickly and in a hurry for the mere sake of saying, "I've got somebody." Take your time, converse, and communicate would be your best approach.

Think about it, if you want fast food, you can and will get it cheap and in a paper bag. If you want a feast or formal meal, you must prepare it lovingly and slowly, not to mention that it requires more time. All these things are important to practice before the relationship starts, not just when it starts to get heated.

Wait a minute, is that Lloyd Banks?

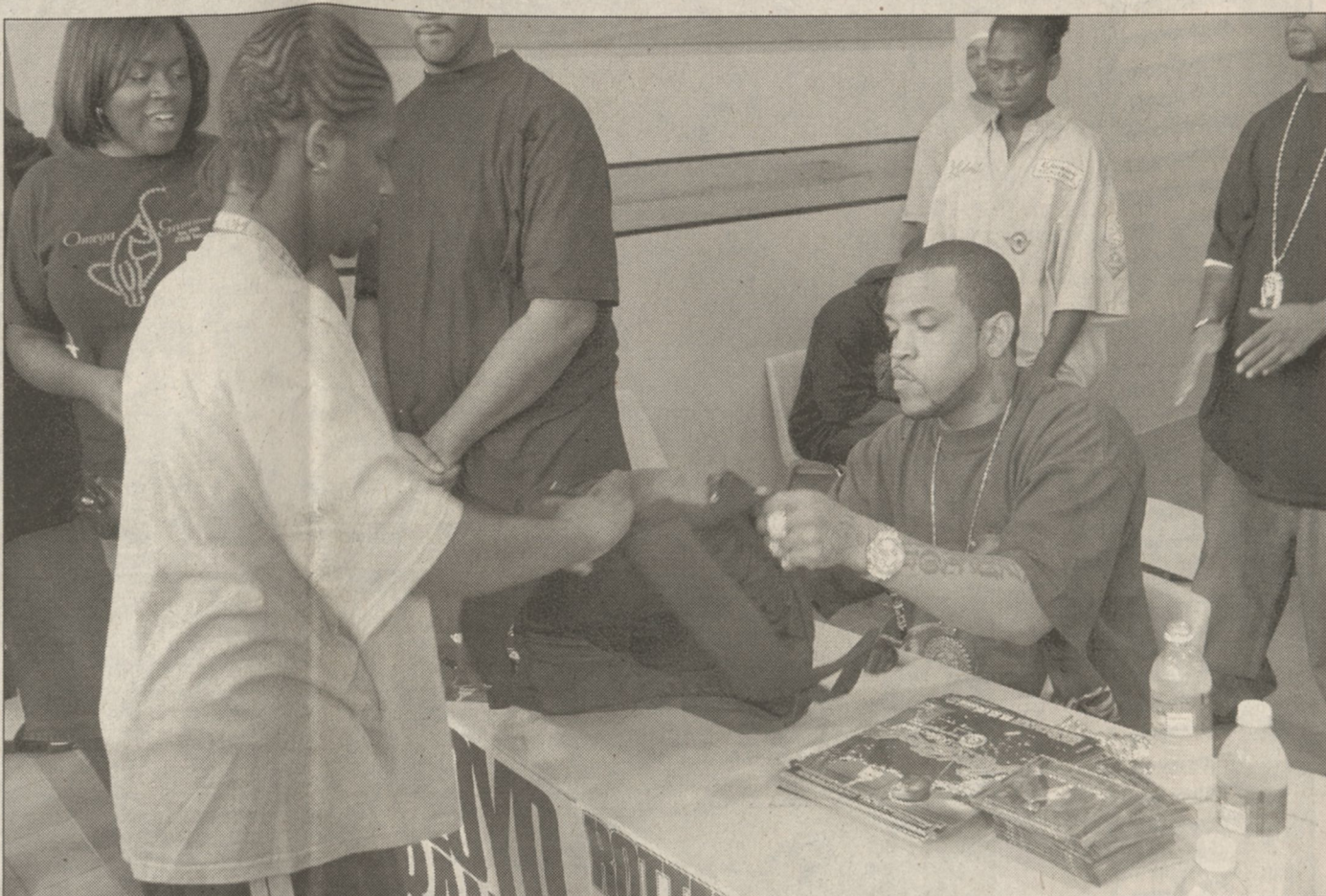
By LaCheryl Whitlow
L/H & A/E and Managing Editor

The ladies were screaming, the fellas were hyped, and gangs of students were just now getting the memo. Who would have ever imagined that the very sexy Lloyd Banks would grace the campus of Prairie View with his amazing presence? For those of you who were in awe, Christopher Lloyd was indeed in the house last Friday. Dozens of students gathered around the autographing table in the Memorial Student Center to get pictures and other accessories signed by the talented rap mogul.

Outside of being part of the rap triage G-unit, Lloyd Banks has more than made a name for himself as a solo artist. His first album, *Beg For Mercy*, was released in 2003 and is now being followed up by his sophomore LP entitled *The Rotten Apple*. Right after his meet and greet session, fans immediately rushed over to KPVU to get a last glimpse of the star before he entered the radio station.

In a candid interview, Lloyd was asked to comment on what was supposed to be his initial sophomore album, commonly referred to as *The Big Withdraw*. "Yes it is true that there were some recordings that were leaked out and mishandled," said Banks. According to rumors the album was allegedly stolen and sold to a local radio station for a mere 60,000 dollars.

His new album's first single *The Cake* is more than making waves over radio airways and is filled with mad producers like Timbaland, Eminem, and the list goes on. "His first CD was like my all-time favorite rap CD ever," said freshman Josh Kidd. "He's the coolest rapper out there on mix-tape which is something that I do. He is definitely my role model," he added. All that's left to say is that the album will more than speak for itself, so make sure you cop that album.



By Evan White, The Panther

G-g-g-g-unit!: The popular rap group, G-unit, was represented well by Lloyd Banks who signed autographs and posed for pictures.

Countdown to B'day

Fans and celebs gather for "B'day" album release

By David Butler
Online Editor

For the grown and sexy people this question is for you... if someone asked you where the hottest venues or party scenes are in Houston, what would you say? Perhaps, Hush, Visions, M Bar, Shadow Bar, Boaka Bar/Mercury Room, etc., might come to mind, right? Well, this past Labor Day none of these spots were the place to be. Anybody who is anybody was at The Warehouse Live which was filled with a slew of celebrities and fans celebrating the release of Beyonce's sophomore solo album, "B-Day."

Inside, the legendary DJ Cutcreator and MC Ralph McDaniels were mixing some of the hottest music on the airwaves along with tracks from Beyonce's album. Ice sculptures laced with fresh fruit, women decked out in House of Dereon baby tees, and the most awesome birthday cake in the world; plus, all of the flashing lights, free food and drinks just made it better. The entrée included crawfish, baked fish, steak and strawberry lemonade.

Then came the VIP room which was extravagant. Next there was the serious airplay of the two released singles "Déjà Vu" and "Ring the Alarm." "Shasta" was in full effect! For those of you who don't know, "Shasta" is Beyonce's pumped up alter ego on stage that shuts the place down with her sex appeal, untamed style and overall vocal "rage."

Yet, many skeptics may have began to wonder where "Shasta" could be found while Beyonce is recording. Granted "Get Me Bodied," produced by Swizz Beats, and "Kitty Kat" is a blazing track, but it stops there on the album.

For those who heard the album, doesn't it sound a little rushed? Well it was! Beyonce has said herself it only took two weeks to record the 22 tracks and a few minutes to decide which 10 would go on

the album. In those two weeks, she hooked up with her song writing and producing friends and went to work.

For her second solo album, she wasn't at all worried about the "sophomore hoax" that is very popular in the industry. In fact, she came ready to rumble with the women anthems *Freakum Dress* and *Irreplaceable* which was written by R&B artist Ne-yo. In the midst of what seems to have been a summer dominated by male summer jams (Young Jeezy, Chingy, Yung Dro, Lil Wayne, etc.), she was a pretty good relief when Hov spit on what he calls, the summer anthem. Overall, the album could have been better with a piece of that birthday cake!



PV SPOTLIGHT

UJ Fashions

UJ Fashions is up and coming Apparel Company founded by Prairie View's own Uniquka Johnson. Uniquka is a business marketing major approaching her senior year and is currently operating her own business while in school as a fashion designer.

Uniquka designs and makes her own clothes and has been doing so since she was 8 years old. From then, Uniquka was smitten by the fact that she could combine her love for drawing and sewing to create an actual, wearable work of art.

Throughout high school, Uniquka designed, made and marketed her apparel to fellow students as well as teachers. During this process, Uniquka also began producing her own fashion shows to specifically showcase her creations on a runway stage. Some say she has continued this fashion pursuit throughout her college years by making a name for herself as one of the best fashion designer to turn to for this campus's fashion and apparel needs.

With one sewing machine, Uniquka has produced amazing creations for organizations such as Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Omega Psi Phi and not to mention many, many student clients and customers through out Houston and Dallas, Texas. Uniquka's apparel has been recognized by State Fair of Texas, The Dallas Morning News, The Black Dallas Expo, WB, ABC, and MTV.

Her work consists of custom creations and alterations of formal, dressy, and casual wear for both women and men. It is Uniquka's intent to learn and understand all aspects of business so that she can know all the ins and outs of purchasing, owning and expanding her clothing operation into an even more successful operation. This year, Uniquka along with Debonair (the name of her fabulous models) of UJ Fashions are aspiring to be ahead of the game. Be on the look out for this new female entrepreneur because Uniquka is a prime example of how Prairie View continues to produce productive people.

20 QUESTIONS

1. Doesn't it feel great to attend a university where the library closes just before the peak of studying hours?
2. Speaking of the library, when are they going to give some information at the information desk?
3. Isn't it just peachy that when you get hungry the only place to eat is closed?
4. To make it even better, when you found out financial aid closes at 2 p.m., didn't you just feel refreshed?
5. Who was the boy who got thrown out of the financial aid office for trying to start a riot?
6. Can you blame him?
7. Shouldn't someone start one in the new student employment office?
8. Who is the Ape that is still untamable?
9. Doesn't he know that "Karma" comes back in the form of a female dog?
10. What super freshman decided to become extra friendly in the car by way of University Drive?
11. When is someone going to tell her going downtown is not the route?
12. Who was the big guy that had a small accident on the shuttle?
13. Did he get his head right?
14. Which girl found some very upsetting pictures of her boyfriend and his boyfriend and put them on Facebook?
15. Did they ever get things straight?
16. How many people are mad that they brought New York back on Flava of Love?
17. Ain't that 'bout a b@\$#h!
18. Why do people who normally don't speak to you all of a sudden want you to vote for them on election day?
19. Don't they know that to ensure a vote they have to pay just like their opponent?
20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at panther@pvmu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

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Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Zeta Phi Beta
Student Picnic @ Student
Park

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Phi Beta Sigma
Project Vote @ JBCL108

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Back To Basics
Etiquette Seminar @ MSC
204AB



High: 90 °F
Low: 68 °F

Friday, Sept. 15, 2006

9 a.m. - 11:55 p.m.
Multicultural Affairs
Celebrating Mexican
Independence Day @ MSC
Auditorium



High: 90 °F
Low: 72 °F

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006

LATE Graduation Ap-
plication Deadline Period
for December Gradua-
tion



High: 90 °F
Low: 72 °F

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2006

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Morning Worship Service
@ Chapel

Weather



High: 91 °F
Low: 72 °F

Monday, Sept. 18, 2006

7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Career Services
Career Fair Activities @
MSC Ballroom Rm. 204



High: 88 °F
Low: 70 °F

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006

7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Career Services
Career Fair Activities @
MSC Ballroom Rm. 204



High: 88 °F
Low: 68 °F

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006

7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Career Services
Career Fair Activities @
MSC Ballroom Rm. 204



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Low: 69 °F

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CAB
Hump Day On The Hill' @
Alumni Field

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
NAACP
Membership Drive @ the
front of the MSC

4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Special Programs
Lecture: Making College
Count @ MSC Rm. 111

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sigma Tau Theta
Seat Belt Safety Seminar
@ Hilliard Hall

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
FOCCS
Bible Study
Chapel